of my indifference; and now that he has such proofs of my activity and attention to his interests, he apologises, and regrets having done so; but what good does his *palinodie* do me now, after he has been impressing Lord Grenville, &c., with hostile ideas against me? All he can say would not make them change now, or recant and acknowledge an error. How one thoughtless word will thus unintentionally destroy the welfare of another!

Probably other circumstances and calumnies have had their weight at home, and I daresay, some day, I shall be astonished at the baseness of those whom I do not think now of suspecting.

Meanwhile, everything relative to the exchange of prisoners is going to the dogs. Animosity and pique are revived, and hostilities in that line are as warm as in the worst times. Our officers are deprived of their parole, and confined. Probably the French are treated in the same manner.

Pour dissiper nos ennuis, we went yesterday four leagues and more to Nemours, examined the works of the intended bridge, climbed

up a high
rock to view the country, ate our loaf of bread,
and returned home to our dinner without stopping,
untired and comfortable. I think, when I get to
England, I must offer myself for a twopenny post
or exciseman.